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2/12/2014 Minutes

Town of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 2/12/14, 7:15 pm to 9:20 pm, Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Wayne Chouinard (partial), Jean Clark, John Hurd, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Marjorie Moores, Corey Rateau

Members of the Public Present: Lynn Horgan, Victor Rivas

- DPW Town Report. Wayne delivered his report. The following streets will get new pavement markings, including bike lanes where feasible: Lake St., Pleasant, St., Jason St., and Lowell St. Jean asked about Woodside Lane and Oak Hill Drive. Acorn Park was discussed. This might be a way to get funds to help with mitigation of traffic on Lake Street at the intersection with Brooks and then the Bike path. Jason/Mill/Mass. Ave. WG will review intersection changes submitted by Jason Sobel of Green International.
- Public Comments. Lynn Horgan, Ridge Street resident, is concerned about pedestrian safety on Ridge Street. There is no sidewalk and very limited visibility. She was directed to write to Board of Selectmen for referral to TAC.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 1/13/14 meeting were approved unanimously.
 - Minutes of Special Meeting of 1/16/14 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Laura (Planning) reported on progress of the Arlington Center Parking Study. One public meeting remains (March 5) as well as a meeting with merchants. The traffic improvements for the Symmes project were approved by the ARB. Traffic Improvements for the Brighams project are still open. Brigham's Escrow Account is available until March. Laura will seek extension of time from developer. The Master Plan meetings continue, with Transportation scheduled for April 3.
- New Members. Members stepping down are Ed and Elisabeth. Associate member stepping down is Len Kardon. John Hurd is replacing Paul Kent as Chamber of Commerce Rep. Executive Committee has recommended that Marjorie be promoted to full member, leaving one vacant member slot and 2 vacant associate spots. Ad for new members is currently in the Advocate, open until Feb. 28.
- Working Group Membership Changes. Suggested combining of Thompson School Working Group with Parking on N. Union. Ed will stay on Jason Street Cut-through WG until project ends. Lowell St. WG—Wayne, Ed will stay on, and add John Hurd.
- Jason Street Cut-through. WG will meet 3/8 to go over presentation and prepare for public meeting scheduled for March 31.
- Mill Street Flashing Beacon. Recommendations were presented to ARB on Feb. 3. ARB accepted recommendations for pavement markings and signage. Requested that WG look into a chicane to slow bicyclists down further. WG will go back to ARB in March.
- Safe Routes to Schools. Marjorie took over Ottoson. New parent contacts will be Phil Goff for Thompson School and Alex Bilsky for Hardy School.

- Paul Revere Road (between Park Ave. and Mass. Ave). Initiated by Selectmen in December, 2012, from a neighborhood complaint about traffic, speed and trucks. Will form a Working Group.
- Lewis/Franklin/Philips. Ready to go to Selectmen.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for February: Agenda; Minutes of 1/13/14 and 1/16/14 Special Meeting; Email to Dan Warren From Marie Krepelka Re. "No Parking Here to Corner' Sign @ Intersection of Broadway and Palmer Street, dated January 16, 2014; Memo from TAC to Board of Selectmen Re. Information: Crashes at Palmer Street and Broadway, dated December 9, 2013; Memo to TAC Co-Chairs from Marie Krepelka Re. Lowell Street Signs, dated January 16, 2014; Memo from TAC to Board of Selectmen and Public Works Director Re. Lowell Street Signs, dated December 12, 2013; Emails from Lynn Horgan to Jeffrey Maxtutis Re. Ridge Street traffic concerns, dated January 16, 2014; Active Projects; Project List dated 2/12/2014; Current Working Group list dated 2/12/14; Individual Action List from 1/13/13; Status of TAC Approved Actions dated 2/12/2014; Memo to Board of Selectmen from TAC Re. Crashes at Lewis/Franklin/Philips Streets, dated February 7, 2014, Transreport January/February 2014.
- Memo to TAC From WAC Re. TAC Update Items, dated February 12, 2014.
- Lowell Street Intersection Improvements Concept Sketch 1, dated 01/05/13